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VOLUME MOVEMENT OF NEW CROP PRAIRIE HAY; PRICES STEADY.

Kansas City Market

Movement of new crop prairie hay to Kansas City assumed fairly liberal volume during the week ending July 15, with 16 carloads and an uncounted number of truck loads arriving, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Virtually all of the hay was of No. 1 quality, with a high percentage of green color and moderate to light mixtures of foreign material. The hay attracted interest from local feeding concerns and all suitable cars offered on the open market brought \$8.50 per ton.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Demand for prairie was active in southeastern Kansas around Iola, especially from truckers, who were waiting at the balers for supplies. Growers were asking from \$4.50 to \$6 per ton at the balers, depending upon quality. Most of the movement was to Wichita stockyards, to Fort Leavenworth and to the Kansas City district, although quite a number of inquiries were received from St. Joseph and Lamar, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa. Individual orders ranged from 20 to 50 tons.

Good rains in the Platte Valley of Nebraska stimulated growth of prairie hay which had been backward all spring and early summer. Yields of wild hay in the South Park region of Colorado were expected to be light and the same was true of parts of the Middle Park area. The wild hay crop was expected to be good in Jackson County and in parts of northwestern Colorado. Pastures and ranges benefitted where rains were received last week, but in most other eastern localities of Colorado feed was very dry and new growth scanty. High ranges in mountain sections were still furnishing good feed, but ranges at lower elevations were burning.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1, \$8.00-8.50

No. 3, \$5.50-7.00

No. 2, 7.50-8.00

Sample 4.00-5.50

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